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Mr. Julius Genokowski
Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, NW
Washington, DC 20554-0005

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FCC Mail Room

Dear Honorable Genokowski:

As Members of Congress who strongly support the Federal Communications Commission's (FCC) efforts in advancing broadband service, we write to encourage the FCC to expand broadband access to currently underserved Arizonans by proceeding expeditiously with distribution of the Connect America Fund ("CAF") Phase I incremental support in 2013.

Arizona has a robust and dynamic digital economy that has brought innovation and entrepreneurship to numerous industries, generating jobs and economic development and enabling our citizens to take advantage of telemedicine, distance learning and many other online opportunities. As we are sure the Commission recognizes, our digital economy rests on broadband availability, and unfortunately there are still thousands of Arizonans who do not have broadband access.

We commend the Commission for reforming the Universal Service Fund and creating the Connect America Fund to target broadband support to those places where such infrastructure would not otherwise be available, and we are anxious to see the tangible results of such reforms in Arizona. In 2012, the Commission awarded less than half of the CAF I incremental support while thousands of households in price cap service areas continued to wait for broadband availability.

We are encouraged by the November 19 proposed rulemaking (FNPRM) to refine the eligibility rules so that the full amounts of CAF I incremental support from 2012 and 2013 can be used to reach underserved households in price cap service areas. In keeping with all relevant rules and regulations, we are hopeful you will consider this proposal as soon as possible. We want to emphasize how urgent we consider this issue to our state and our constituents, and we look forward to working with you to ensure the success of the Connect America Fund. We appreciate your continued commitment to meeting the communications needs of Arizonans and all Americans, and stand ready to assist you as the FCC implements CAF.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

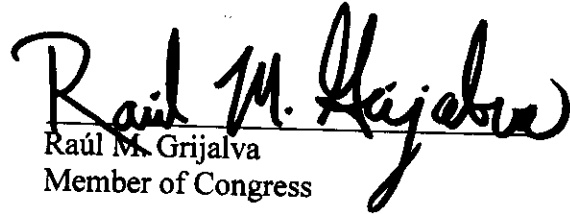
Sincerely,



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Member of Congress



Paul Gosar
Member of Congress



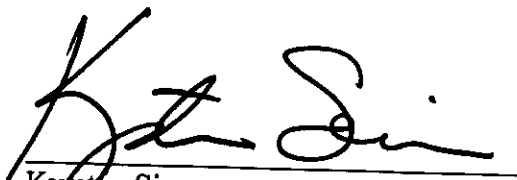
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February 27, 2013

The Honorable Paul A. Gosar
U.S. House of Representatives
504 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Gosar:

Thank you for your letter commenting on the Commission's *Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking* in its Universal Service Connect America Fund (CAF) proceeding. The Commission is dedicated to distributing all CAF funds in the most effective manner to preserve and advance voice and broadband service, including accelerating the deployment of modern communications networks to consumers who lack access to robust broadband. Your views are very important and will be included in the record of the proceeding and considered as part of the Commission's review.

I appreciate your interest in this matter. Please let me know if I can be of any further assistance.

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Gregory Guice
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U.S. House of Representatives
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